

Minutes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

July 9, 2009

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Carol Massie, Stephanie Houfek, Dan Chismire. Not Present: Hilary Royce, Thaddeus Smith. SVBID Committee Members Present: Richard Falzone, Brian Folb, Travis Serpa, Fabio Conti. Not Present: Fred Rosenthal. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Bill Farrar, Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Helen Leung, CD-13; Not Present: Senior Lead Officer Danny Pesqueira, LAPD; Will Rivera, LA City Attorney's Office; Deputy Jerry Hankerson, LA County Sheriff. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Tronson at 10:09 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: Kerry Morrison and the committee recognized and thanked Helen Leung, Field Deputy from CD13, for her years of help and service to Hollywood. Leung will be leaving at the end of the month for graduate school.
- III. Minutes: **It was moved by Carol Massie, seconded by Travis Serpa and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Joint Security Committee's June 11, 2009 meeting. Unanimously approved.**

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler updated the board on incidents in the BIDs through week 27, Seyler also gave a review of Andrews participation in the Project Y!MBY Connect Day on June 25, 2009. In closing Seyler informed the board of an incident that occurred in the last week where a gentleman was stabbed in a local food line by a parolee. The suspect was apprehended.

B. Report from LAPD: LAPD was not present.

C. Report from City Attorney: City Attorney was not present.

D. Report from LA County Sheriff: LA County Sheriff was not present.

V. New Business

VI. Old Business

A. Update on Situation Involving Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Los Angeles: Mariani briefed the board on some recent activities in Council. In June, three hardship exemption applications for Hollywood dispensaries came before the Planning

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and Land Use Management Committee of City Council. All three businesses were within a few blocks of each other and were not granted exemptions. In the coming months, the City of Los Angeles will continue reviewing hardship exemptions on a case-by-case basis. City Council is also working on completing a permanent policy to better regulate clinics, and determine where dispensaries should be placed in relation to schools and other youth areas. Brian Folb mentioned that owners in the BID should be informed of the situation to avoid property owners from further renting to locations in the BID given the potential that some businesses may fold if not granted a permit. Morrison informed the committee that an article written by Noel Hyun, from CD-13, will be featured in both upcoming BID newsletters to better inform property owners of the situation.

B. Proliferation of 9-11 Tags: Mariani reported that no new tags had been spotted in the area since June 29, 2009. LAPD is continuing their search. Committee members were encouraged to contact the BID or Clean Street if they noticed the graffiti in their area.

C. Report from Project Y!MBY Connect Day: Morrison gave the committee an overview of Connect Day, which occurred on June 25, 2009 at the Music Box. Approximately 518 homeless clients were connected with various service providers. Morrison thanked those committee members who volunteered and Andrews International for their support during the event.

D. Outreach: Dan Chismire commented on the discussion at last month's meeting regarding the potential of adding a clinical outreach element to BID security in order to better engage homeless individuals in the BID. Chismire wondered if the BID should pay for such a program from Security dollars. Morrison explained that the staff is still researching the issue and that no decision had been made and all discussions would be channeled through the board of directors. However, Morrison did inform the committee that if the outreach element was implemented it would be outsourced and handled by a professional agency that could provide the trained psychiatric outreach worker to assist BID security.

E. Next Meeting: The committee discussed the date of their next meeting. Due to vacation schedule conflicts making it difficult to obtain a quorum during August, the committee decided to not meet until their September meeting date, given there are no pressing security issues.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 10 a.m. in suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA., 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by HPOA Committee Chair John Tronson at 11:08 a.m.